

of such attention. We give it in full as follows:

The Walk—If you would be eminently useful you must be eminently holy. The servant who would be successful must walk close with God. Get near the Cross; breathe the atmosphere of Calvary. Close walking with God makes labor for him sweet and pleasant. God is then known and trusted as a faithful Friend. Close walking with God is a preventive of a thousand evils. Pray, preach, and live down prejudice. As you can have no cause to be ashamed of the Gospel, be sure you are never a shame to it. "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." The servant of the Lord should be known by his *savor* as well as by his *service*. "We are a sweet savor of Christ." He that is not careful about small spots on his conscience is likely soon to have large spots on his garments. The levity of some preachers in private spoils all they advance in public—the platform and the parlor must agree. Never walk on the edge of Christian liberty—many things are lawful which are not expedient.

Humility—Be humble, but not cringing. Feed humility, and starve pride. Many have fallen from the spot where you now stand; be not high-minded, but humble. Esteem it a privilege to be employed to carry a crumb to the least of God's saints. Be willing to wash the feet of the meanest person that hears you if it would conduce to the saving of his soul. We shall never be employed to do great things until we are willing to do little ones. He that is not willing to preach to a few is not qualified to preach to many—he is a proud man.

Prayerfulness—He that prays most will preach best. Spiritual beggars are powerful preachers. The more prayer to God, and the more faith in God, the better the preacher. Let all your vacant moments be spent in prayer—have no idle time or leisure hours. Remember, gifts will wither unless replenished with grace. Grace is the ornament and energy of gifts. Pray before you begin to study your Bible, pray while you study it. Read much, think often, and pray always. "Pray without ceasing."

Study—Beware of what you read. The mind is no widow's cruse which fills with knowledge as soon as you empty it. Aim to apply every subject to yourselves before presenting it to the people. The servant of God should always be a learner—there is much, very much we do not know. Beware lest, while you furnish and strengthen the head, you starve the heart—this is not an uncommon case. Take heed lest you depend on your books, your abilities, instead of depending on the Lord. It is possible. Aim to be a workman understanding every part of your business. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him."

How to Preach—Preach prayerfully, as before God. Preach to the conscience and the heart. Preach down self, and preach up Christ. Preach to *all* present, but not *at* any. Rather be short than tedious. Let

Christ be always "Alpha and Omega." Preach the whole truth to saints or sinners, whether they approve or reject. Preach experimentally—what you have felt, tasted and handled is the most likely to be useful. Be sure you preach God's truth, and let much of it be in his own words. Back everything with Scripture. God's Word carries authority with it. He generally preaches best who preaches all the week, and walks close with God. Prayer, preaching, patience, and perseverance are four P's that should go together in a servant of God. It is much easier to bring our *heads* than our *hearts* to preach. God usually blesses the labors of the man whose heart is set on the conversion of his hearers. Be simple in your preaching. The Lord Jesus was, Paul was, and all successful preachers have been so. Never be ashamed of the Gospel; its plainness, simplicity, and peculiarities are its glories. Always set forth regeneration as the beginning of a course—good works as the result. Preach with fidelity, as one that must give account; keep nothing back, but declare the whole counsel of God. Lay the creature low and keep him low. Preach the truth in love: love to God, the author; love to Christ, the center; love to saints; love to sinners; love to truth itself. You are to labor for God; that is your duty. You labor *with* God; that is your honor. The more we labor *for* God and *with* God, the more we shall receive *from* God. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." Do something for God every day. I mean something definite; something that is likely to tell in the future; seeking to realize the value of the soul, the shortness of time, and the nearness of eternity. Satan is always busy, therefore God's servants should never be idle—while men sleep the enemy sows tares. Take heed to the napkin, the Lord is at hand. Whatever you do for God, throw the whole soul into it. Beware of round sentences; they roll off as fast as they roll on. Too much polish is worse than too little. "So preach," said Luther to Melancthon, "that those who do not fall out with their sins, will fall out with you." If you can be satisfied with anything short of bringing glory to God in the conversion of sinners and the edification of saints, be not surprised if your ministry is barren. Aim to catch whenever you cast in the net. *Watch* for souls, travail in birth for them. Remember it is better to win a poor man's soul than please a thousand rich men's ears. One soul is worth many trials, therefore be not weary. Be patient. Removals should not be lightly made. Some preachers seem to be bitten with the gadfly. Be independent of man, but dependent on God. Aim to please God in everything. Be neither a hook nor an eye. Hang not upon others, nor have others hang on you. If the Lord use you, expect Satan to abuse you. You are a soldier of Jesus Christ, expect rough usage and hard fare. Who is your master? The world, the saints, or Jehovah? Whom do you serve and seek most to please?

A Correction

In last week's paper the editorial, "Healing the Branch," should have been, "Healing the Breach."

Personal Mention

Brother Talley, you will find at 4548-50 Second St., your city, a brother whose name is M. B. Summers.

Brother W. M. Summers has been chosen pastor of the Darwin congregation. This is the place where brother Teeter did such excellent work.

We publish in this issue an interesting communication from Brother Beer, Lathrop, Calif. He speaks encouragingly of the work in that state.

The new church at Arkton, Va., near New Market, was dedicated a few weeks ago by Brother Shaver. He reports six accessions since his last notice in the EVANGELIST.

Brother S. P. Fogle, New Market, Va., always remembers the good cause, and he does it in such substantial ways that one can not help but speak of it. He is a little congregation in himself.

The article on "Christ in Prophecy," which appears under our Bible department was a paper prepared by Brother Gillin and read at the Illiokota Conference last fall. It treats an important subject.

Brother Simon Mikesell sends us 75 cents for the Home Mission work. 25 cents each for himself, wife and son. Let all other members in the state do the same, and there will be no need of any appeals for money to carry on our mission work.

We thank all our brethren and sisters for the many favorable notices received of the EVANGELIST. Space does not permit the publishing of all these favorable comments. One brother writes that he would not do without the paper if it were to cost ten dollars a year.

At this writing the members present at the meeting of the Board of Trustees are; Brethren Deffenbaugh, Helser and Findley, Glenford, Ohio; D. J. Bole, Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. E. J. Worst and A. D. Gnagey, Ashland, Ohio. Others are expected today, (Tuesday).

We have on hand three sermons, one each from brethren Tombaugh, Kimmel and I. D. Bowman. These sermons will appear in the EVANGELIST during the year 1899 accompanied by cuts of the authors. That of Brother Tombaugh's will be published the second week in January.

Brother Copp must be stirring the city of Dayton, judging from the announcement of certain subjects on which he is now preaching. The services began Sunday night, December 11. Among the subjects announced on a circular we find the following: "What is Sin?" "Is there a Hell?" "Will Christ Come Again?" "What is Death?" "Which Church Should I Join?" "How Should I be Baptized?" "Did Jesus Christ Establish Feet Washing as a Church Ordinance?"

Mrs. Sylvanus Summers sends \$1.50 to send the paper to her son, brother M. B. Summers, who has gone to Chicago. She also orders the several premiums to which she is entitled sent to his address. In a letter she says: "We send him the EVANGELIST as a Christmas present, for we desire him to be in touch with our church doings." If all mothers would do that when their sons go to the city there would be far less wrecks of young manhood. May the Lord answer this mother's prayers and keep her son in the narrow way.

All the readers of the EVANGELIST will be pleased to learn of the excellent work brother C. F. Yoder is doing in the Chicago University as a student in that institution. He has won three scholarships, (\$35.00 each) in as many oratorical contests, and in the final oratorical contest held last Friday night a week ago he carried away the University prize of \$50.00 in gold. This gives Brother Yoder good standing in that institution and also our church, for the reader may be assured that "Charley" stands for his church at every opportunity. We congratulate Brother Yoder on his remarkable success. May the Lord continue to bless him and make him a yet greater power for good.